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**SUBJECT**  
**AREA:** GROUND FORCES**DISTRIBUTION:**  
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New BMD (Airborne Amphibious Combat Vehicle) Variant Identified in USSR

**COMMENT:** The new BMD variant consists of a BMD-M-1979 chassis with a center-mounted turret. Two parallel hatches are centered on the turret which differs from the one hatch arrangement of the standard BMD and from the BMD M-1979 which has no turret. The vehicle's main armament has not been determined. It appears to be similar to the 73MM gun mounted on the standard BMD.

See reverse for line drawing comparison of BMD vehicles.

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